

FIFTY PLEAD GUILTY TO SELLING LIQUOR

Half-Hundred Hopewell Violators Are Assessed \$75 Each and Costs.

FINES IMPOSED TOTAL \$3,850

Judge West Agrees to Allow 100 Remaining Defendants, Charged With Violating Byrd Law, to Settle on Same Basis if They Plead Guilty.

PRINCE GEORGE COURTHOUSE, VA., August 21.—Fines of \$75 and costs were imposed on fifty defendants, who entered pleas of guilty in the Circuit Court of Prince George today to selling ardent spirits at Hopewell without a state license. A bond of \$500 for good behavior for twelve months was required of each and each was assessed with costs.

There remain approximately 100 defendants, indicted by the special grand jury for violating the Byrd liquor law, and these cases will be taken up when court reconvenes Tuesday morning.

Judge West, who is presiding at the investigation into lawless conditions at the powder plant town, announced from the bench when court opened this morning that an agreement had been reached by the court, the attorneys for the prosecution and counsel for the defendants, whereby all who should plead guilty would be fined \$75 and placed under a bond of \$500 not to violate the law for one year.

EXCEPT 90 PER CENT TO ACCEPT TERMS

It is understood that 90 per cent of those indicted have expressed their willingness to accept the terms made public in court this morning, and that the remainder of the cases will be disposed of as rapidly as possible.

Judge West stated that the agreement reached applies only to those now under indictment for selling ardent spirits and that offenders in the future would be dealt with as the evidence against them should merit. It was stated that the court had no alternative but to give a verdict for selling liquor a second time, but to send the defendant to jail for a term not less than six months and to impose a fine of not less than \$100.

In addition to the liquor cases disposed of, H. B. Irvine, indicted for operating a gambling device, better known as a slot-machine, was found guilty. A fine of \$100 was imposed in addition to a jail sentence of fifteen days. This was the minimum penalty for this offense.

CONVICTION HAS SALUTARY EFFECT

The conviction of Irvine, who entered a plea of not guilty, and the jail sentence given him, appeared to have a salutary effect on the crowd of 200 or 300 persons who were in the courtroom. Many of them are under indictment for selling liquor or operating gambling machines and, from their expressions, it was evident that they realized that the time had come when they would have to face the consequences of their law-breaking.

Plaintiffs representing \$2,850 were impleaded today. The costs of the prosecution will add approximately \$1,000 to the cases so far disposed of. Before the court has finished with the violations of the liquor laws, the fines will total approximately \$19,000.

Judge West's statement in court this morning was in part as follows:

"The court states that his experience has been that the surest way to break up the illicit sale of ardent spirits is to impose a jail sentence, because so many people engaged in the business will not be deterred by a fine. Since we have secured about 125 indictments for violations of the liquor laws, I have had several conferences with counsel, including the Commonwealth's attorney, Judge Rives and George E. Wynn, the assistant prosecutor, who is here to represent the Attorney-General of the State. In these conferences I have ascertained that there were a great many people who were not born and bred in Virginia—a good many of foreign birth and who spoke a foreign tongue—gathered together in Hopewell, and that the law was laxly enforced by the officers and possibly by the judges of this place."

SOME TOLD BY OFFICERS TO SELL ARDENT SPIRITS

"And it appears that these people were told by some of the officers that it was all right to go ahead, and they saw other people go ahead unmolested. In view of the large number of people involved and the fact that the business was conducted in a wide-open manner and taking all the circumstances into consideration, I have reached the conclusion that so far as those now under indictment are concerned, the court will be justified in overlooking the following rule:

"That all who come forward and plead guilty and put themselves upon the mercy of the court will be fined \$75 and the jail sentence waived. The court, under the statute, in addition, will require a bond of \$500, conditional not to violate the law for a period of twelve months."

"The court further states that if they are convicted a second time, these bonds will be forfeited and the penalty on second conviction will not be less than six months nor more than twelve months in jail. Where there are more than two indictments against one person, the attorneys for the prosecution have agreed that the above shall apply to the first and second indictments and the remainder will be dismissed."

"I wish to say further that in making this ruling, it does not apply to any person heretofore arising in this court, but only to those indicted by this court on or after August 21. It will not apply to those engaged in the whole business, which is a much more serious offense."

Judge West stated that the ruling was made after consulting the advice of Commonwealth's Attorney Rives and Special Prosecutor Wynn, L. O. Wendenburg and J. M. Turner, of Richmond, who represented twenty of the defendants.

Later during the proceedings the judge made plain his firm intention to try the case on the strict sale of liquor at Hopewell and all other forms of lawlessness, stating that so far as the power lay in his hands as judge he was determined to have law and order at the powder plant town.

COLONEL IS HEARD FROM

Press Lamentable Proof of Envidious Not Being Prepared.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 21.—Theodore Roosevelt today issued this statement:

"I see this suggested in the papers, that the German answer to our last note, that is, the sinking of the Arabic by a German submarine, and the consequent murder of certain American citizens, will be adequately met by the

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair south, partly cloudy north portion Sunday; Monday fair. North and South Carolina—Generally fair Sunday and Monday.

Local Temperature Yesterday: 12 noon, 82; 3 P. M., 84; 6 P. M., 80; 9 P. M., 76; Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 68. Mean temperature, 77. Normal temperature, 77. Excess in temperature yesterday, 0. Deficiency in temperature since March 1, 303. Deficiency in rainfall since January 1, 154.

Local Rainfall: Rainfall last twenty-four hours, .11. Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 3.73. Deficiency in rainfall since January 1, .52.

Local Observation at 8 P. M. Yesterday: Temperature, 68; humidity, 83; wind, direction, southeast; wind velocity, 15 miles; weather, clear.

General Weather Conditions: WASHINGTON, August 21.—There will be rain Sunday in New England, the Middle Atlantic States and the lower Lake region, followed by generally fair weather Monday. Elsewhere east of the Mississippi River the weather will be generally fair Sunday and Monday. It will be warmer Sunday and Monday in the Ohio Valley, but elsewhere temperatures will not have been raised for the lower Illinois River, the Mississippi River between the mouth of the Illinois and the mouth of the Arkansas and for the White River of Arkansas.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES: (At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Asheville, Tenn., 76; Clear. Atlanta, Ga., 76; Clear. Boston, Mass., 76; Partly cloudy. Buffalo, N. Y., 76; Partly cloudy. Charleston, S. C., 76; Partly cloudy. Chicago, Ill., 76; Partly cloudy. Cincinnati, O., 76; Partly cloudy. Cleveland, O., 76; Partly cloudy. Dallas, Tex., 76; Partly cloudy. Denver, Colo., 76; Partly cloudy. Detroit, Mich., 76; Partly cloudy. Galveston, Tex., 76; Partly cloudy. Hartford, Conn., 76; Partly cloudy. Havana, Cuba, 76; Partly cloudy. Jacksonville, Fla., 76; Partly cloudy. Kansas City, Mo., 76; Partly cloudy. Louisville, Ky., 76; Partly cloudy. Montgomery, Ala., 76; Partly cloudy. New Orleans, La., 76; Partly cloudy. New York, N. Y., 76; Partly cloudy. Norfolk, Va., 76; Partly cloudy. Oklahoma City, Okla., 76; Partly cloudy. Pittsburgh, Pa., 76; Partly cloudy. Raleigh, N. C., 76; Partly cloudy. St. Louis, Mo., 76; Partly cloudy. San Francisco, Cal., 76; Partly cloudy. Savannah, Ga., 76; Partly cloudy. Spokane, Wash., 76; Partly cloudy. Tampa, Fla., 76; Partly cloudy. Washington, D. C., 76; Partly cloudy. Wilmington, Del., 76; Partly cloudy. Wichita, Kan., 76; Partly cloudy. Wytheville, Va., 76; Partly cloudy.

MINIATURE ALMANAC: August 22, 1915.

Sun. rises, 5:31; Morning, 7:31; Sun. sets, 6:54; Evening, 8:31.

administration dismissing Bernstein and severing diplomatic relations with Germany. I earnestly hope the administration will not take this view, for to do so would be a fresh sacrifice of American honor and interest.

"The President's note to Germany in February last was an excellent note. If only it had been lived up to. But every subsequent note has represented nothing but weakness and timidity on our side, and the sinking of the Lusitania and of the Arabic, the attacks on the daylight and Exalta, and all the similar incidents that have occurred represent the arrogant answers which this weakness has inspired. Germany will care nothing for the mere severance of diplomatic relations.

"The time for words on the part of this nation has long passed, and it is inconceivable to American citizens who claim to be inheritors of the traditions of Washington and Lincoln that our governmental representatives shall not see that the time for deeds has come. What has just occurred is a fresh and lamentable proof of the unwisdom of our people in not having insisted upon the beginning of active military preparedness thirteen months ago."

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BLACK DAYS FOR ALLIES, AND BLACK ONES TO COME

Folly to Deny or Even Palliate Great Russian Defeats on Eastern Front.

ONLY ONE FAVORABLE FACTOR

Grand Duke as Yet Has Kept His Armies Intact for Next Year's Campaign—Germany's Program Seems About to Be Realized.

BY J. L. GARVIN, Editor of Pall Mall Gazette.

LONDON, August 21.—The last few days have not only been among the very blackest for the allies since the opening of the war, but have been almost certain harbingers of sterner adversity.

There is for the moment only one favorable factor, Russia, by prodigious efforts, has kept her main armies intact and preserved her power of recovery for next year's mid-campaign. That is the only ray of light, and that is a negative result.

Under the heavy blow after blow that has fallen on her, even indomitable Russia quivers. But does not break or yield, as a great ship under the shock of collision.

The avowed dream of German aggression for years has been first to force Warsaw and the line of the Vistula, and next to capture Brest-Litovsk with the line of the Bug, and thus split the Czar's hosts into sections widely divided by the weltering marshes of Prussia. This is the aim which the Germans are determined to attain at any cost.

If they cannot envelop the grand duke in a manner enabling them to force him to stand for a decisive battle and inflict a historic debacle, then the Germans mean to drive back the Czar's armies as far as possible and seize meanwhile all the chief fortresses and river lines on the attacked side of the Czar's empire, and afterward march to Petrograd or Moscow.

Kieff will be on the colossal program and the attempt to reach the Black Sea will be not a white more astounding than the accomplished fact that a large German fleet has at last forced its way into the Gulf of Riga.

The Germans are still driving the grand duke. If they cannot break him, if they cannot hope to carry out their vast super-Napoleonic turning movement, they can still strain every fibre in exultant and tenacious pursuit to hamper and harry his retreat and make it difficult for him to reach a line upon which he can make a solid, final stand until the time comes for him to advance again.

The danger of any sudden debacle of the grand duke's armies north of the Pripi marshes is far less menacing than it was, but the direct German attacks upon that section of the Russian front along the whole long line from Riga to Brest-Litovsk create a situation full of peril. For weeks yet there can be no relief from anxiety.

Russia has made incredible sacrifices. She looks to her allies with increasing tension and expectancy. She must not look in vain, and if frontal attacks in the west are not the best means of helping her, then other means must be found.

What follows from the whole survey is that we are again on the eve of tremendous developments in the eastern theater. Some critics believe the grand duke will join the battle on a vast scale upon the lines curving round from near Riga by Vilna to Brest-Litovsk.

Other thinkers believe the grand duke will face undiminished, as the choice of two evils, further retreat with all the consequences further retreat would mean.

and men taken in fortresses, the Austro-German forces do not claim any large captures. On the other battle fronts there have been no events of importance.

RUSSIAN FIELD ARMIES FIGHTING DESPERATELY

LONDON, August 21.—The Russian field armies are fighting desperately but vainly to check the onrush of the Germans and Austrians. Novogeorgievsk, the last Polish fortress to hold out, has fallen. Ossowetz, to the north of Poland, has resisted thus far only because of the marshy nature of the country, which prevents the Germans from employing heavy guns effectively.

South of Brest-Litovsk, Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces have penetrated far beyond the Bug. Other German armies, east of that river, endeavor to check the Russian defense along the Bialystok-Brest-Litovsk line virtually impossible.

Along the other fronts no important changes are recorded, with the exception of the French admission of inability to hold the Lens-Arras cross roads recently captured.

The diplomatic problem in the near east has been brought appreciably nearer a solution by the formation of a Greek ministry under M. Venizelos, and the indications that the uncompromising attitude of the military faction is being broken down.

After forty-eight hours of unusual activity, resulting in a heavy toll of merchantmen, German submarines apparently have been withdrawn to their bases. Relief is expressed that the freighter Bovic is safely in port. It is now definitely established that only two American passengers on the Arabic are missing.

OBSERVERS MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF DEFEATS

PETROGRAD, August 21.—Russian military observers minimize the importance of the fall of the fortresses of Kovno and Novogeorgievsk, and point with satisfaction to the heroic defense by the Russian garrisons.

The military writers declare that Brest-Litovsk is the goal of all German forces in the central theater of war, where in the near future the Russians will be forced to contend against three approaching armies for the possession of this important base.

Referring to the evacuation of Kovno it is said that almost the entire garrison gave up their lives before surrendering.

To-day's Russian official statement indicates that the Austro-German forces are pressing towards Brest-Litovsk, from the northwest and the southwest determined to execute a flank movement to the southeastward, where they have already crossed the important north and south railway and pushed their forces west toward Pissa, twelve miles east of Vlodava. The Russian defense is aided by swamps far to the east of the River Bug.

Russian military men see in the determined German efforts to push across the railway north of Brest-Litovsk a plan to cut off the Russian armies based on that fortress from those operating at Ossowetz, and thus enable the Germans to approach Ossowetz from the south. The Bialystok-Brest Railway is said to be still in Russian hands, although vicious battles are in progress in various sections.

The German lines now run approximately as follows: Beginning at the Gulf of Riga immediately to the east of Riga, they extend along the River As to Ponevich, thence to a point east of Vilkomir and southwest to Janova, through Ossowetz, bending westward to Strakov-Gura, near the intersection of the Bohar and Narew; eastward and southward along the line of the upper Narew to Strabla at the crossing of the Bialystok-Brest-Litovsk Railway, directly south of Lipnita, twelve miles north of Brest-Litovsk, swinging westward around that fortress, touching

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The River Bug near Vlodava and extending toward Pissa. The presence of a German fleet in the Gulf of Riga brings the evacuation of Riga close at hand.

BULGARIA CONCENTRATES TROOPS ON TURKISH FRONTIER

SALONIKI, August 21.—Bulgaria has concentrated 150,000 troops on the Turkish frontier.

This is believed to be the preliminary step in the united action of the Balkan states on behalf of the quadruple entente.

It is reported here that 40,000 Turks, commanded by Germans, are intrenching and fortifying on the Bulgarian frontier near Kirk Killisse.

From Athens comes the report that Filintheros Venizelos has asked for an audience with King Constantine tomorrow. It is believed he will then offer to form a Cabinet. He is expected to be made Premier on Monday.

As Venizelos has been long an adherent of the allies' cause, his acceptance of the premiership is expected to be Greece's formal announcement of her alliance with the entente.

Recent dispatches from Salon have agreed that Bulgaria is satisfied with the territorial concessions in Macedonia offered her by the entente powers as the price of her aid in the war.

The consent of Serbia and Greece to these terms is momentarily expected by the allies.

If Bulgaria declares war upon Turkey, it is understood that she will receive general financial assistance from the entente powers.

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A Little Talk About Your Boy You think about a great many things. What are your thoughts about your boy? I will teach your boy these subjects so well that when he has learned them his services will be in demand by business men. I will give him something that no power can take from him—the power to earn. Why not call to see me now—to-day? Bring your boy along, if possible. The work here in school appeals to a boy's money-making instinct, and there are very few who do not become immensely interested at the very start. I will develop your boy's earning capacity, at the same time I will develop his character. Here in the Massey Business College he will be constantly reminded that brains, youth and opportunity in America are his precious capital his glorious birthright. I will teach your son shorthand writing, type-writing, bookkeeping, banking, English grammar, penmanship, commercial arithmetic and business methods. The Massey Business College 802 East Broad Street Richmond, Va. NOTE THE NAME